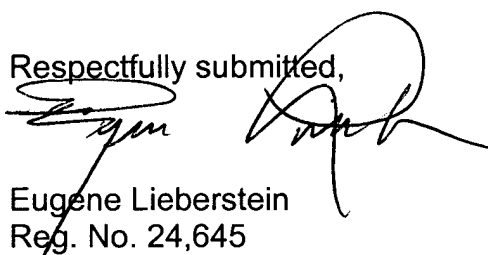


## REMARKS

In response to the outstanding requirement of applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, applicant provisionally elects Group I, directed to the embodiment wherein the detector is an annular sodium iodide scintillator. All of the claims 16-23 are readable on this embodiment.

Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications for the non-elected claims.

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